

## Message Text

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY ATHENS  
INFO USCINCEUR  
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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MASS, GR

SUBJECT: TANK MANUFACTURING FACILITY IN GREECE

REF: ATHENS 2246

1. PARA 4 REFTEL STATES THAT LOCAL CHRYSLER AND FMC REPS  
HAVE RECEIVED INVITATION TO BID ON GREEK PROPOSAL TO  
ESTABLISH MAIN BATTLE TANK PRODUCTION FACILITY. WE  
THEREFORE SEE NO NEED FOR SEPARATE NOTIFICATION TO  
CHRYSLER ET AL BY USG AS SUGGESTED IN REFTEL. WE ARE  
CONCERNED THAT SUCH NOTIFICATION MIGHT BE INTERPRETED AS  
USG ENDORSEMENT OF PROJECT BEFORE WE HAVE HAD TIME TO  
REVIEW POLICY IMPLICATIONS.

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2. USG IS PRESENTLY ENGAGED IN GENERAL REVIEW OF ARMS  
TRANSFER POLICY INCLUDING QUESTIONS OF COPRODUCTION AND  
COMMERCIAL LICENSING AGREEMENTS. UNTIL THE REVIEW IS  
COMPLETED, WE ARE NOT IN POSITION TO ADDRESS THE QUESTION  
OF PARTICIPATION BY US FIRMS IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ARMS  
MANUFACTURING FACILITIES OVERSEAS.

3. FOR PRESENT, WE PREFER CONSIDERING GREEK PROPOSAL AS COMMERCIAL REQUEST, LEAVING IT TO US COMPANIES TO DECIDE IN FIRST INSTANCE WHETHER PROJECT MAKES TECHNICAL AND COMMERCIAL SENSE. IF DECISION POSITIVE, US FIRMS WOULD HAVE TO REQUEST MUNITIONS LICENSE NECESSARY FOR EXPORT OF REQUIRED TECHNICAL DATA.

4. TO ASSIST US IN CONSIDERING GREEK PROPOSAL, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING EMBASSY VIEWS ON HOW GREECE PLANS TO FINANCE PROJECT, WHETHER, AND IF SO TO WHAT EXTENT, PROJECT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO US OBJECTIVES PARTICULARLY IN TERMS OF NATO FORCE STRUCTURE GOALS AND POSSIBLE STANDARDIZATION OBJECTIVES, AND IF GREECE PLANS EXPORT OUTPUT OR WOULD REQUIRE EXPORT OF SOME PORTION OF OUTPUT TO ASSURE VIABILITY OF PROJECT.

5. IF ASKED FOR USG POSITION ON PROPOSAL, EMBASSY SHOULD STATE WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION AT THIS TIME TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSAL FOR REASONS CITED IN PARA 2 ABOVE.

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